



18 JUNE 2023

Welcome

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 18 June, 2023

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Next week 25 June, 2023

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Next Sunday 25th June, Bec Reidy, from Bidwill Uniting will be joining us to share some of what is happening at Bidwill.

As a congregation, we have supported Bec and the work at Bidwill for a number of years and we will be continuing this with a retiring offering next week.

If you would like to contribute please bring your donation with you or you can transfer your donation to our account, BSB 112-879 account no 428 172 081 and we will include it in our donation, just put Bidwill in the reference.

Hands and Feet

This week's volunteers are Laurie, Sabina, Lola, June, and Rev Gail.

Thank you to all who are involved in this program. If you would like to help out but haven't yet volunteered, please see Laurie or Sabina.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies' Bible Study will be on Tuesday 20th June 3pm in the chapel area. We are up to Study 5 : "Faith Without Action" which is based on James 2: 14-26.

UCA Birthday



The United Church in Australia celebrates its 46th birthday this Thursday 22nd June. Thank you to Kate for the special cakes for morning tea this morning .



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Gail's Message

During Uniting in Prayer, which spans the twenty-six days between Pentecost and the anniversary of the Uniting Church on 22nd June we have been asked to pray for the Henty-Culcairn congregations and the Stillpoint Faith Community. Last week I wrote about the Henty -Culcairn cluster, this week I am providing some details about our sisters and brothers in the faith living in Wayville, South Australia. I am hoping to connect with them over the next week so that we can pray for all the good things God has done for them and also pray for any issues that cause them concern.

Firstly, many of you may be wondering about the difference between a Uniting Church Congregation and a Faith Community. In general a faith community does not have the capacity to maintain a Church Council, a Minister/Deacon, or manage any finances. Faith communities however can still be vital centres of God's presence providing spiritual support and guidance. This week I googled Stillpoint Faith Community and they describe their mission in the following way:

"We are a small contemplative community with an accent on providing a beautiful space in which you can find healing and hope, while you explore the love of God in an inclusive, respectful and non-judgemental way.

We are a community connecting with others and the wider church.

We offer a diverse range of spiritual opportunities including musical therapy, meditation during worship, fortnightly newsletter, library, pastoral care, spiritual direction, specialty programs on spirituality in aging, Stories from the Soul resource, Taste and See Contemplative Prayer, and Mindful Movement & Meditation.

Stillpoint is a resource centre for the promotion of spirituality and mysticism. It operates within the Mission and Resourcing sector of the Uniting Church Synod in South Australia. The centre offers resources and opportunities to exercise body, mind and soul, while creating a space of beauty, which nurtures human wellbeing and flourishing.

We are located at the delightful Christ Church Uniting Church, 26 King William Road, Wayville."

A few questions to mull over:

Stillpoint Faith Community certainly have a particular focus.

If you were to describe our congregation at Greystanes and our focus what would you say?

Would Stillpoint's focus on spirituality and mysticism work in our location? Why or why not?

What factors contribute to the character of a particular faith community or congregation?

